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State Historical Society board approves property tax moratorium applications

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota State Historical Society board of trustees recently approved 24 applications for the eight-year state historic preservation property tax moratorium for restoration and rehabilitation made to historic buildings. The projects meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

"These approvals are significant because if an historic building qualifies for the tax benefit, an eight-year delay is placed on the property tax assessment of any certified improvements," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society. "Property tax assessments may not be increased due to certified rehabilitation of the building."

The property tax moratorium is an incentive for owners of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places to maintain and rehabilitate their homes and businesses, Vogt added.

For more information on how to qualify for the state historic preservation property tax moratorium, contact the State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458.

Following is a list by county of the sites approved for the property tax moratorium:

Brookings County

817 4th St, Brookings

Lockhart-Fishback House, 1001 6th Ave, Brookings

Brown County

Great Northern Railway, 1 Court St., Aberdeen

Clay County

Conrad Building, 108 E Main St., Vermillion

Hughes County

Hyde Building, 101 S. Pierre St., Pierre

Jerauld County

Governor Vessey Home, 109 College Ave N, Wessington Springs

Lawrence County

Clark, Mullen & Munn Block (Pineview Building), 25 Lee Street, Deadwood

E.F. Irwin Residence, 308 E. Summit St., Lead

Homestake General Offices (Old City Hall), 215 W Main, Lead

Frawley Ranch, 6920 Centennial Road, Spearfish

Lown Mercantile Building, 701 & 707 5th St., Spearfish

Minnehaha County

Milne House, 508 E 9th St., Dell Rapids
Smith Block, 402 E 4th St., Dell Rapids
The Huddle, 429 E 4th St., Dell Rapids
The Odd Fellows Home, 100 West 10th St., Dell Rapids
Security Bank Building, 101 S Main, Sioux Falls
Shriver-Johnson Building, 230 S Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls
Wintersteen Chevrolet Building, 300 S. Main, Sioux Falls

Pennington County

Windsor Block, 625-629 St. Joseph St., Rapid City
Elks Building, 6th & Main, Rapid City
Rapid City Garage, 827-829 Main Street, Rapid City
Niemann Home, 913 West Blvd, Rapid City
Fairmont Creamery, 201 Main Street, Rapid City

Yankton County

Fantle's Department Store (Riverfront Event Center), 121 W 3rd, Yankton

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.